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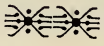

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PROCEEDINGS.

The house was called to order by Rev. A. Ellis who opened the meeting at 10:30 a. m. by lining hymn No. 555 s. m., "How Beauteous are the Feet, etc. Read the 4th chapter of Timothy. Prayer was offered by Rev. C. C. Harberson, after which Rev. R. D. Harris and Brother B. Gingles made welcome the many ministers and delegates.

The addresses of welcome were responded to by Rev. J. McBrayer, Rev. H. W. Lee and Rev. Dr. M. H. Dougherty.

The Moderator announced that it was time for the Introductory Sermon, when Rev. J. E. Harberson the appointee entered the stand accompanied by Rev. A. Johnson who lined hymn No. 449, s. m., "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone, etc." Rev. J. E. Harberson read the 3rd chapter of Timothy. Prayer was offered by Rev. A. Johnson.

The Moderator then introduced Rev. J. E. Harberson, of Shelby N. C. who gave as his text, John, 8th chapter, 32 verse "And ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." From this text the divine spoke with much power and manifested to the congregation that he was under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and carried with him the minds of the many hearers, and the Spirit seemed to fill every heart.

The Rev. A. Johnson then lined hymn No. 352, c. m., "Ye Men and Angels Witness." After singing this beautiful hymn time arrived to adjourn. Benediction by Rev. A. Johnson.

First Day—Afternoon Session.

Met at 2 o'clock p. m. The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. S. A. Blanton who lined hymn No. 454 s. m., "A Charge to Keep I Have." Read the 125th division of the Ps. Prayer by Rev. W. T. Gibbs.

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The Moderator then announced the house ready for business. A motion then prevailed to hear the minutes of the forenoon session which was read, received and adopted.

The Moderator then ordered the letters to be brought to the table. A motion prevailed that the letters be read. After reading and correcting the letters were received.

The Moderator Rev. A. Ellis delivered his annual address which is as follows:

MODERATOR'S ADDRESS.

Brethren it has pleased God to bring us together again I trust for the purpose of laying plans to carry forward this great work.

Our attention is called first to our educational interest. I wish to lay much stress upon this work for it is the need of the age. The work has been carried on very successfully under the management of Rev. Prof. W. T. Askew. The school was ordered to be open by the Board of Trustees last winter for a term of five months During this term the Principal gave satisfaction both as to ability and interest. Therefore I trust this body will give the school special attention.

Our second interest is our church extension. This work needs our interest both in work and means. There is one church in the bounds of the field on the county line that has about gone down. This we regret while there are so many ordained and licensed ministers in the field who have no charge. Brother ministers this is a day of work, and I as your humble servant and leader believe if men will not work they should be brought before this body and let it be considered

Our third interest is the mission work. This includes both Home and Foreign Missions and when it is said that the state is doing mission work we are included. It is our duty to help the State in its work and build up our own Home Mission work also.

Our fourth interest—the ministerial standard. The Association should have a very zealous care for her ministers. She should stand around those who live a clean, pure life, defend them in the right and if necessary fight for them, but those who live a low, suspicious life and from year to year a chain of rumors after them the Association ought to give them some attention.

The Moderator set very clearly before the house the work of the Association and in a very forcible manner impressed the needs of the field. The Association was much enthused and lifted up by his stirring words and and manifested interest in the work.

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The chair then appointed a committee on Permanent Organization which report is as follows:

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION REPORT.

We your committee on Permanent Organization beg leave to submit the following report: For President Rev. A. Ellis, Vice-President Rev. P. C. Young, Secretary W. A. Roberts, Corresponding Secretary G. C. Caldwell, Treasurer B. Gingles.

P. Wilson, A. L. Costner, J. F. Black,
B. F. Graham, F. Ross, W. R. Young,
Wm. Ramseur, O. J. Allen, W. A. Bell, } Com.

The chair appointed a committee on Enrollment.

ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE.

B. Gingels, D. H. Wood, A. Moss, W. M. Ramseur, J. R. Hamilton, J. A. Wheeler, W. A. Bell, E. P. Bell. J. B. Deck, W. R. Young, P. Wilson, J. R. McCombs, A. Eskridge, J. F. Black, R. L. Young, A. L. Costner, E. Brooks, T. N. Hamrick, J. L Johnson, O. J. Allen, Z. N. Mason, W. T. Torrence, J. R. Littlejohn, J. Dogwood, F. Ross, J. B. Borders, B. F. Borders, B. F. Graham, L. E. Wesson.

At this hour the committee on Permanent Organization made report, after which a motion prevailed that the same be adopted.

The president arose and tendered his thanks to the committee and delegates for re-election after having been chosen for so many years as chairman. He stated that he had held this enviable position for so many years that it was no more a pride to him to fill the office but a matter of business.

The other officers in turn arose and expressed their thanks for the honor conferred upon them by the body.

A motion then prevailed that all visiting brethren be made welcome to a seat in council. Rev. G. O. Bullock, the District Missionary of Western N. C., Revs. J. T. Williams, W. C. Lockhardt, J. M. Brown, M. H. Dougherty, who came forward and met the welcome hand of the president.

Rev. Dougherty in a few and very touching remarks expressed his gratitude to meet the association and form the acquaintance of the brother ministers and delegates.

The chair then appointed a Committee on Finance.

FINANCE REPORT.

Money raised by collection during the day and night:

Thursday $6.00, Thursday night 6.11, Friday 15 60, Friday 30.10, Saturday .50, Saturday night 3.04, Sunday 20 25, Educational money 155.50, representing money 30 00, collections 90.85, total amount raised $256 68.

W, M. Ramseur.
L. E. Wesson, } Com.
W. A Bell,

The Moderator called for the dues of the ministers when the collection amounted to $6.00.

The hour being miscellaneous the chair asked the State Missionary to say a few words when Rev. G. O. Bullock of Charlotte came forward and made a few remarks that were timely and interesting as well as helpful.

The time for adjournment had about arrived. The consideration of the night services were considered. A motion prevailed that the part of the program pertaining to the night services be stricken out and that the pastor, Rev. R. D. Harris, Bro. B. Gingles, L. M. Lineberger form a standing committee on night services.

The Committee on Religion reported that Rev. W. T. Askew preach at 8 o'clock, Rev. B. Ramseur alternate. Time having arrived, doxology. Benediction by Rev. P. C. Young.

FIRST DAY—NIGHT SESSION.

Met at 7:30 p. m., Bro. O. J. Allen conducting praise meeting until 8 o'clock, at which time Rev. W. T. Askew had not entered the house. The chair arranged that the preaching services be conducted by Rev. D. H. Whitenburg of Gaffney S. C. who entered the stand accompanied by Rev. J. M. Brown who lined hymn No. 375 c. m., "Oh for a closer walk with God, etc." Rev. D. H. Whitenburg read the 8th chapter of 2nd Cor. Prayer by Rev. J. M. Brown. Hymn No. 426 sung to 7th, "Brethren while we sojourn here, etc." The President then introduced the speaker, Rev. D. H. Whitenburg who arose and gave as his text 3rd chap. of 1 Cor., 21, 22 and 23rd verses "Therefore let no man glory in men for all things are yours whether Paul or Apollos, or Cephus or the world to come." Subject: "How Paul

dwelt with weak believers." Some of the strong points presented and argued by the speaker were as follows:

1. The foundation of the christian believer is unshaken. The whole world is the christian's field to work. Christ's great commission to His disciples was "Go ye into all the world and teach all nations." The christian's work is to make the world better by diffusing christian life.

The able divine preached a strong, forcible sermon that left an everlasting impression upon the many attentive hearers. Brother J. L. Johnson led in prayer.

Then a collection was lifted which amounted to $6.11. Before adjourning the chair appointed some committees on new churches and ordaining council. See recorded.

Time having arrived, doxology. Benediction by Rev. J. M. Brown.

Second Day—Friday Morning Session.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment at 8 o'clock a. m., Rev. B. Ransom conducting the devotional services. Lined hymn No. 292 s. m., "The Spirit in our heart is whispering sinner come." Read the 23rd Psalm. The president declared the house ready for business. The house motioned that the roll be called. On motion the minutes of previous session be read, received and adopted. The chair appointed the following committees:

Temperance—T. N Hamrick, J. Borders, S. A. Blanton, W. T. Gibbs.

Statistics—O. J. Allen, G. C. Caldwell, J. Wheeler, S. B. McBrayer

Second Day—Friday Morning.

Rev. W. A. Roberts, chairman of the Ordaining Council called the council to order for the purpose of examining Rev. Dr. M. H. Dougherty. Rev. P. Young was made secretary. Rev. G. O. Bullock was made interogator by motion. A motion was made to hear from Dr. Dougherty, and after hearing and inquiring of his conversion, baptism and ordination a motion prevailed that the council recognize the former ordination his

church and that the date of his former ordination and also the date of this ordaining council meeting be inserted on the ordaining papers. Also a motion prevailed that the right hand of fellowship be extended to Rev. Dr. M. H. Dougherty.

MEMBERS OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL.

W. A. Roberts, P. C. Young, J. McBrayer, J. E. Harberson, C. C. Harberson. G. O. Bullock, W. T. Askew, A. Johnson, B. Ransom, R. D. Harris, H. W. Lee, A. Ellis.

Special hour for the order of the day arrived. The program was taken up.

1. Topic for discussion. The Baptist position to the Bible. The subject was opened by Rev. R. D. Harris followed by Revs. J. M. Brown, D. H. Whitenburg and G. O. Bullock.

2. Topic. The Baptist position as to the church. This subject was opened by Rev. H. W. Lee followed by W. T. Askew, R. Harris and Rev. D. W. Montgomery.

At 11:30 a. m., special hour, a prepared ministry opened by Rev. A. Ellis. Singing "There is a fountain filled with blood." Rev. G. W. Austin followed in the discussion. Singing, "Oh Lamb of God I come, I come, I come." Then Revs. G. O. Bullock D. W. Montgomery and M. H. Dougherty.

Time having arrived doxology. Benediction by Rev. G. W. Austin.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Convened at 2 o'clock p. m., Rev. C. C. Harberson conducting the devotional services. Lined hymn No. 170 c. m., "How sweet the Name of Jesus sound, in a believers ears." Read the 4th chap. 2nd Cor. Prayer by Rev. G. W. Deck, after which the Moderator announced the house ready for business. On motion the minutes of the previous session was read, received and adopted.

The following committees were appointed: Committee on Home and Foreign Missions, Committee on Obituary, Committee on Education, Committee on Corresponding Messengers.

CORRESPONDING MESSENGER'S REPORT.

We your Commitee on Corresponding Messengers submit the following report: We recommend to the Shiloh Association Rev. A. Ellis, to the Gold Hill Association Rev P. C. Young, W. T. Askew, to the Mt. Pleasant Association Rev. M. Beam, J. L. Johnson, to the Rowan Association Rev. W. A. Roberts, to the Thickety Mountain Association, Rev. J. McBrayer, D. H. Wood and to the Catawba Association Rev. J E. Harbison.

D. H. Wood,
T. N. Hamrick } Com.
A. Eskridge

After these appointments some letters were brought to the table and read. A motion prevailed for the reception of the letters. Then a motion prevailed that Rev. J. W. Sly be invited to a seat in couucil. The committee on hours of meeting made report.

HOURS OF MEETING REPORT.

The committee on Hours of Meeting submitted the following report: Meet at 9 o'clock a. m., adjourn at 12:30 p. m., meet at 2.15 p. m., adjourn at 4.30 p. m., meet at 7:30 p. m., Adjourn at will.

Rev. R. D. Harris,
B. Gingles, } Com.
L. M. Lineberger.

The above report was received and adopted.

At 2:30 p. m. special hour. Subject: "Missions what it is and what it means." Opened by Rev. G. O. Bullock. The able speaker spoke so deep in missions and so broad until it seemed that the house must have all felt interested in missions. A collection was lifted which amounted to $15.60.

Next order of the day 3:15. Subject: "Should Baptists join in union services with Pedo Baptist churches." This subject was opened by Rev. J. E. Harberson and Rev. W. A. Roberts. A motion then prevailed that the topics on the program be omitted and the discussion of the previous topics be continued. When Rev. G. W. Austin D. W. Montgomery, Revs. M. Dougherty, B. Ransom, G. O. Bullock, J. McBrayer, W. C. Lockhardt enlarged upon the subject. After this the chair appointed a Committee on Religious literature.

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE REPORT·

We your Committee on Literature beg leave to submit the following report: We recommend both houses, the Amer ican Baptist Publication Society and the Nashville Baptist Publishing Board. We further recommend that every family take and read the Baptist Sentinel.

Rev D. W. Montgomery,
Rev. D. B. McClure,
Rev. G. W. Austin. } Com.

Time having arrived stood adjourned. Doxology. Benediction by Rev. D. W. Montgomery.

SECOND DAY—NIGHT SESSION.

The program was taken up, the president conducting the devotional services. Sang hymn No. 422. Prayer was offered by Rev. M. H. Dougherty. The Association sang "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross, etc." After which Miss M. L. Rhodes was introduced who came forward and rendered a strong paper on this subject, "Power of Education." Singing.

Miss Cora L. Mason was introduced who in turn submitted a full interesting paper on the subject "Are the Baptist of Western North Carolina coming." Singing, "Marching Home." Then G. C. Caldwell interested the Association on the subject, "The Needs of the Field." The congregation then sang "My Country 'tis of Thee."

Then Bro. Z. N. Mason was introduced who delivered a paper full of good matter on the subject of "True Deaconship."

Rev. D. W. Montgomery delivered an address after which Rev. W. T. Askew was introduced who came forward and asked the Association to join with him in prayer. He then made a strong speech in interest of the Rutherfordton Academy. A collection was then taken which amounted to $30.10.

Rev. J. J. Hunter of the Zion connection was introduced who came forward and met the approval of the house and in a very touching way expressed his gratitude to meet the Association. Time having arrived stood adjourned. Doxology. Benediction by Rev. W. C. Lockhardt.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment at 9 o'clock a. m., Rev. S. A. Blanton conducting the devotional exercises. Lined hymn No. 66 c. m., "Oh God our help in ages past, etc." Read the 12th chapter of Romans. Prayer was offered by Rev. W. T. Gibbs. The president then declared the house ready for business.

By motion the minutes of the previous session was read, received and adopted. The committee on new churches made report.

COMMITTEE ON NEW CHURCHES REPORT.

We your committee on new churches beg leave to submit the following report. We find the new church, Ped's chapel in Caldwell County, Colletsville, N. C, after having examined the faith and practice and doctrine we recommend this new church to be received into the Association.

Rev. A. Johnson
Rev. J. McBrayer, } Com.
Rev. S. A Blanton

At this hour the program was taken up. First topic, "The History of the Ebenezer Association." Rev. A. Johnson came forward and opened the topic giving a statement of the cause of the organization, stating that 20 years ago there was an Association known as the Shiloh Association, composed of a good number of churches which made the field very wide and long, stating that it was inconvenient to reach it from some parts of the field, and there were churches that never would be able to have the Association to meet them owing to its delegation and capacity. By this there arose a general complaint in this section and when the Association at Springfield Baptist church in 1888 or 1889. There were about eleven churches that asked for letters of dismission for the purpose of forming a new or separate organization. These churches came together with the Ebenezer Baptist church and organized the Ebenezer Association and elected Rev. A. Johnson as Moderator and Rev. W. A. Roberts as clerk.

Rev. A. Ellis followed in the discussion stating that he was elected chairman the next setting and had held

the office ever since, giving as to the work that during the first years there was but little or no money raised above what it took to defray the expenses of the Association, but as time moved on the Association grew larger and the first work was to help do mission work. Then an effort was made to help some of the weak churches. Then an effort was made to aid some young men and some young ladies in school. The last and noblest work is to build and support a school and help carry on missions, stating that the Association had made great progress within the last few years.

Bro. B. Gingles also spoke stating that he was there in the beginning to carry the money and is still carrying the bag.

Bro. W. T. Torrence, Rev. G. O. Bullock, M. H. Dougherty, J. W. Sligh also spoke on the topic.

The Committee on Religious Literature made report which was adopted.

On motion a committee of three was appointed to draft a resolution asking the railroad authorities to give the colored passengers better accommodations.

COMMITTEE ON RAILROAD ACCOMMODATIONS.

Whereas we feel that the accommodation in our waiting rooms and on our railroad cars are not equal and are not what the law repuires. Therefore we petition the railroad authorities to please look into this matter and see to it that we receive equal accommodations.

Rev. D. W. Montgomery, Rev. D. B. McClure,
G. W. Aulston, G O Bullock, } Com.

The report of the Committee on Home and Foreign Missions was received and adopted.

HOME AND FOREIGN MISSION REPORT.

As Baptists we believe in the great commission "Go ye into all the word and preach the Gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved and he that believeth not shall be damned." Therfore we recommend that each pastor and church in the bounds of this Association will encourage both Home and Foreign Mission work by cooperating with the Educational and Missionary Convention and the Lot Cary Convention in doing missionary work, both Home and Foreign. We also recommend that each church and pastor in the bounds of this Association will give the State Missionary

their heartiest support in helping to save North Carolina, Africa and the world to Christ.

G. O. Bullock,
R. L. Young,
W. T. Torrence. } Com.

By motion a Committee on Ways and Means of raising mission money was appointed.

Time having arrived stood adjourned. Doxology. Benediction by Rev. G. W. Austin.

THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The devotional services were conducted in the usual manner. Rev. C. W. Hamrick conducted the praise services. After prayer the Moderator declared the house ready for business.

The program was taken up. How much shall the Association contribute to Union academy annually. After a long discussion the motion prevailed the Association give annually the amount of $200.

The remainder of the evening was devoted to receiving reports and miscellaneous business. Time having arrived stood adjourned. Benediction by D. B. McClure.

THIRD DAY—NIGHT SESSION.

Convened at 8 o'clock p. m., Rev. G. W. Austin in the stand accompanied by Rev. B. Ransom who lined hymn No. 493. Rev. G. W. Austin read the 6th chap. of St. Matthew. Prayer was offered by Bro. Moses Oates. Second hymn No. 472, c. m., "Amazing Grace How Sweet the Sound, etc." Rev. R. D. Harris introduced Rev. G. W. Austin who arose and gave as his text 9th chapter of St. Luke, 2nd verse, "And he sent them to preach the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick." The able divine preached a strong forcible sermon to a large number of hearers. After the sermon a collection was lifted which amounted to $3.04.

The ordaining council met in session and ordained Bro. J. L. Johnson, son of Rev. A. Johnson. By order stood adjourned. Doxology. Benediction by Rev. J. L. Johnson.

FOURTH DAY—SUNDAY SESSION.

Sunday morning praise services conducted by J. N.

Dowell and S. M. Belk who lined hymn No. 416 c. m., "My Soul Streach Every Nerve." Bro. J. N. Dowell read the 5th chapter of Thessalonians and offered prayer. At 9 o'clock a. m. Bro. D. H. Wood conducting the model Sunday School, sang No. 4, "In the Revival Count Your Many Blessings, etc." Then prayer was offered by Bro. J. W. Sly. Song No. 4, "I am Resting in the Saviour's Love." Then the Superintendent stated that the time was short and the school would have a general review. The Superintendent proceeded to the review of the lesson when Prof. White, of Rock Hill, S. C., representative of the Rock Hill Messenger was introduced who gave some very forcible remarks to the Sunday School, after which a collection was lifted which amounted to 89 cents.

Rev, D. B. McClure in the stand accompanied by the President Rev. A. Ellis who lined hymn No. 555 s. m., "How Beauteous Are Their Feet." Rev. D. B. McClure read the 8th chapter of Romans. Prayer was offered by Rev. T. Bonwell. Second hymn No. 556 c. m., "Let Zion's Watchmen All Awake, etc."

After singing Rev. A. Ellis, the Moderator introduced Rev. Prof. W. T. Askew who voiced the Association in tendering a vote of thanks to the pastor and church for their hospitality.

Rev. A. Ellis Moderator, introduced Rev. D. B. McClure, of Chester S. C., the speaker of the day who arose and gave as his text the 16th chapter of St. Mark 15th and 16th verses, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved: but he that believeth not shall be damned." The speaker first expressed his gratitude to be present and assume a responsibility so grand and worthy. Made some apologies but said there were three things a minister ought to always be willing to do, pray, preach and die. Subject: "A Missionary Sermon." There is not space in the minute to give a full description of the sermon, but it was first, well prepared, second, it was well arranged, third, it was well delivered and lastly it was attentively listened to by a large crowd of anxious

hearers. The able and earnest speaker left an everlasting impression upon the many hearers.

After the sermon the house sang "A Charge to Keep I Have." Prayer was offered by M. Beam, then a collection was lifted which amounted to $20.25.

A motion then prevailed to stand adjourned to meet with the Ellis' Chapel Baptist church on Thursday before the fourth Lord's Day in September 1906 at 10 o'clock a. m. Benediction by Rev. A. Ellis.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

We your committee on Education beg to submit the following report: Whereas education is an important factor in shaping the destiny of a nation, and that it is impossible for any people to amount to much without being properly educated, and whereas education is the recognized qualification of citizenship in our state and the same is much needed in our churches, and whereas we have public schools academies, colleges, and universites offering splendid opportunities for the training of the youths of our land we recomend the following

First that our people as far as practicable avail themselves of these opportunities, so as to prepare themselves for the duties of life. And as far as it is practicable would recommend our people to patronize Baptist Institutions,

Second, We recommend our churches to renew their loyalty and increase their financial support to Western Union Academy.

Third, We recomend that delegates and preachers composing this association pledge themselves to talk up the interest of Western Union Academy in their respective vicinities urging our people to give it their patronage and strong financial support.

Fourth, We recommend Shaw University to those of our people seeking College and professional courses.

All of which we respectfully submit.

R. D. Harris.
W. T. Askew. } Com.
J. P. Deck.

ORDAINED COUNCIL.

W. A. Roberts, J. E. Harberson, P C. Young, C. C. Harberson, A. Johnson, W. T. Gibbs, J. McBrayer, W. T. Askew, A. Ellis.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

Received from Association	$199.21
Paid to president	5.00
" to Sec'ty	6.00
" " Ellis' Chapels	5.00
" " County Finance	3.00

" " Gethsemane	1.50
" " St. Peter	1.50
" " Table Rock	5.00
" " Missions	8.00
" " Sexton	1.50
" " Ministers	6.68
" " Treasurer	2.00
" " To minutes for 1905	.60
" " W. U. Academy	136.00

Total paid out $181.78
Total on hand $ 17.43
B. Gingels, Treasurer.

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATION.

We your committee on appropration beg leave to submit the following report:—

Pay to the President	$ 7.00
Pay to the Secretary	6.00
Pay to the sexton	1.50
Pay for Missions	8.00
Pay for Program	2.80
Pay for Minutes	21.00
Pay for Education	155 85
Pay to P. C. Young for Min	.55
Pay to old Ministers	3.31
Total.	$206.01

W. A Bell.
Jacob Dogwood. } Com.
O. J. Allen Sec't.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Revs. W. A. Roberts, C. C Harbison, A. Johnson, J. McBrayer, A. Ellis. Bro. B. F. Graham, D. H. Wood, J. R. Hamilton, I. Lutz.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Revs. J. E. Harbison, P. C. Young, A. Ellis. J. McBrayer, Bros J. R. Hamilton, W. A. Bell, W. Earls, B. Gingles, I. Lutz, F. Ross,

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Wheras we see that intemperance is doing so much evil among our race and churches, and whereas we see the evil of intemperance in all of its forms. Therefore be it resolved that this association condemn intemperance, and do all it can to encourage temperance in its extent. Furthermore be it resolved that this association recognize no minister who used strong drink as a beverage or any deacon who will do the same.

And fourth, that this association disdain the use of snuff and tobacco. or any thing that is against the Christian interest.

A. Moss.
J. F. Borders.
T. N. Hamrick. | Com.
W. T Gibbs.

RESOLUTION.

Whereas we have been laloring hard to build a church in the town of Morganton N. C. and whereas we have to raise the sum of $45 00 or lose what we have paid. Therefore be it resolved that this association appropriate $10.00 to the mission work of Western North Carolina.

Rev. J. E. Harbison.

COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE.

We your committee on time and place beg leave to submit the following report:—The next setting of the Ebenezer Association will convene with the Ellis Chapel Baptist church, Thursday before the 4th Lords Day in Sept. 1906 at 10 o'clock, Rev. P C. Young to preach the Introduction Sermon aud Rev. S. J. McBrayer to alternate.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Call to order by the Moderator if present, if he is not present by the vice, if he is not present, by the clerk.
3. Reading letters of churches and enrolling names of delegates.
4. Election of officers, towit: Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer.
5. Appointment of committee on Religious Exercises.
6. Call for churches to become members of the association.
7. Call for Letters and Messengers from other associations.
8. Invite visiting brethren to seats.
9. Appointment of committee as follows; (1) Temperance, (2) Religious Literature, (3) Education, (4) Home and Foreign Missions, (5) Finance, (6) Obituary.
10. Appoint a committee on Corresponding Messengers.
11. Call for report from committees in the order in which they were appointed.
12. Appoint a committee on time and place of next meeting and preacher of introductory sermon.
13. Treasure'rs report.
14. Business matters or questions laid over from previous meetings. new business, motions, resolutions, etc.
15. Adjournment.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. No brother shall be allowed to speak more than twice on the same subject, nor no longer than 5 minutes without permission from the Moderator.
2. No brother shall speak without rising and addressing the Moderator and if two or more should rise at the same time the moderator shall name the one entitled to the floor.
3. No brother shall be allowed to walk across the floor while a brother

is speaking.

4. No brother shall stay out of the house while the association is in session without a reasonable excuse.

5. No brother shall leave the house while in session without permission from the moderator.

6. No brother shall be allowed to spit on the floor, and any brother who fails to comply with these rules shall pay a fine of 5 cents

7. No brother shall leave to go home until the association adjourns without permission from the body, and any brother violating this rule shall pay twenty-five cents.

8. The Moderator must enforce these rules of order.

Committee—S. A Blanton, Jas. Hammond, W. Earls, J. R. Hamilton, J. W. Williams, I. Lutz, B. Gingles D. P. Oates and C. F. Gingles.

Dear Brethren of the Ebenezer Association:—Whereas we see that we need an assistant colporter in North Carolina be it resolved that this association recognize Sister Mary F. Harbison who has been appointed by Rev. J. W. Sligh to be assistant agent for the National Baptist Publishing Board of Nashville, Tenn. Market St, 525.

Rev. J. W. Sligh, Colporter, Woodruff, S C.

Constitution.

We the Missionary Baptist of Western North Carolina and Southern South Carolina, being convinced of the necessity of a combination of the churches in order to promote the cause of Christ, and to maintain and keep the rules of Association, we therefore agree to the following rules:

1. This body shall be called the Ebenezer Baptist Association.

2. It shall consist of ministers and delegates from regular Baptist churches belonging to this association.

3. It shall select annualy from the body a Moderator, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary. Each shall hold their office until their successors are elected. The treasurer shall give complete security for all money and property entrusted to his care.

4. All meetings of the body shall be opened with devotional exercise by the moderator, or some one appointed by him.

5. It shall be composed of delegates elected by the churches connected with the association and the delegates must have their membership in the bounds of the association. No church send more than three delegates and all ordained ministers, who are not to old, except founders, who fail to attend the association there names shall not be put on the roll. Licentiates and ministers shall be subject to the same rule

6. The association shall have no right to intringe upon the sovereignty of the church rights as a body.

7. If any church that belongs to this association fails to keep the rules of the association, it shall withdraw fellowship from such church.

8. Every Baptist Association is made up for certain purposes to support missions, education, church extensions, etc, therefore the association shall have Gospel right over them.

9. This association will hold no church as a member who licenses a brother to preach who cannot read, spell and write reasonable and has a fair knowledge of the Bible and the English language.

10. Whereas, God in his commands that husbands should have but one wife, and that wives should have but one husband, therefore be it resolved that this association recognize no church which holds such members in its fellowship.

11. One tenth of all money collections during the sitting of the association, except for education shall go to the superannuated ministers who are not in charge of a church.

12. If a church becomes disorderly, the executive committee of the association shall delay no time in causing an investigation of what the trouble is, and settle the matter or report the church to the association. No complaint will be heard in the association from a church except through the committee.

13. Messengers and visiting ministers shall be received by the Moderator extending the right hand of welcome. The association shall be governed by a majority of members present.

14. There shall be an executive committee whose duty shall be to settle all disputes arising among the churches, said committee shall report to each association the condition of the church.

15. Every church shall pay annually to the association $1.00, those numbering more than fifty members $1.20, those of one hundred members 2.00; over 100 members $2.50, those having 200 members $4.00, and so on.

16. All the money collected during the association, Sunday included, shall be used for associational purposes, unless otherwise ordered by the association and no money shall be paid out until the close of the association.

17. This constitution may be altered or amended by a two third majority present of any regular session.

18. Each member of the churches belonging to this association shall pay 10 cents annually and each minister 25 cents for education purpose.

Form of Letters of the Association.

Date.....190....

Name of church....., Pastor.....

Clerk....., Total memberships.....

Baptized this year....., Excluded.....

Dismissed....., Pastor's Salary.....,Church

Propert....., Money sent....., Send

minutes to....., P. O....., Co.....

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.....Clerk.

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CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND POSTOFFICES	Baptized.	Rec'd by Let.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Deaths	Restored.	Membership.	Pastor's Salary.	Associational Fee.	Education.	Sabbaths of Preaching.	Church Property.
Center	R D Harris	2	..	..	2	1	..	50	70 00	1 50	5 00	3rd	800
St. Paul	D B McLure, Chester S. C.	24	..	2	8	..	..	150	300 00	2 50	15 00	2 & 4	2000
Washington	W A Roberts, Waco N. C	15	..	..	8	4	4	180	100 00	2 50	18 00	4th	300
Pine Grove	H W Lea, Shelby "	34	6	4	5	..	10	195	150 00	2 50	19 50	2 & 4	1200
Green Bethel	W R Lipscomb, White Plains S. C.	4	3	1	3	..	..	60	65 00	1 50	6 00	4th	1000
Long Branch	W C Lockhart, Charlotte N. C.	24	..	3	2	..	..	80	80 00	1 20	8 00	4th	320
White Oak Sp'g	C C Harbison, Goal "	2	..	..	..	..	..	50	50 00	1 50	5 00	.....	250
Shiloh	H W Lea, Shelby "	5	3	..	..	4	2	105	150 00	2 50	10 50	.....	1200
Eskridge's Grove	P C Young, Shelby "	10	1	..	3	1	4	....	100 00	2 00	10 00	1 & 3	500
Fair View	J E Harbison, Shelby "	8	..	..	1	1	2	48	75 00	1 00	4 80	2 & 4	250
Ebenezer	G W Austin, Salisbury "	16	..	1	1	..	..	67	100 00	1 50	6 70	2nd	1100
Table Rock	S McCurry, Marion "	..	..	..	..	..	..	17	.....	1 00	1 70	.....	1500
St. Peter	J D Massey, Charlotte "	3	..	5	..	..	..	44	75 00	1 00	4 40	.....	700
Shoal Creek	A Norres, Gaffney S. C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	80	.....	1 50	8 00	.....	....
St. James	J M Brown, Spartanburg "	11	5	..	..	3	1	50	100 00	1 00	5 00	3rd	500
Ellis Chapel	A Ellis, Patterson Springs N. C.	7	..	..	1	..	2	100	75 00	2 00	10 00	2nd	1000
Gethsemania	J E McKenney	2	..	2	3	..	..	15	.....	1 00	1 50	.....	200
Mt. Zion	G W Young, Jonesville S. C.	3	..	..	5	2	..	26	1 20	1 00	3 00	3rd	800
Mt. Grove	S A Blanton, Grover N. C.	..	..	..	2	..	..	....	20 00	1 00	1 00	.....	....
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SEPTEMBER 19th, 20th and 21st

1918

President—Rev. W. A. Roberts - R-1, Shelby, N. C.
Secretary—Bro. D. P. Oates - - R-1, Shelby, N. C.
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PROCEEDINGS

The Ebenezer Baptist Association met in its twenty-ninth annual session with Shiloh Baptist Church, Shelby, N. C., September 19, 20, and 21, 1918.

Thursday, September 19th.

The President, Rev. W. A. Roberts, conducting the devotional service lined hymn number 425, sung to the 7's and 6's sil., "Standup, Standup for Jesus." Read as a scripture lesson the 5th chapter of Ecclesiastes, "Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God," etc. The President emphasized the necessity of keeping a watch over our steps as we enter the house of God. Prayer was offered by Bro. W. M. Ramsaeur. The praise service was a model one in which the spirit of God seemed to prevail.

The hour having arrived for the Introductory Sermon the appointee, Rev. C. F. Gingles being absent, Rev. J. B. Nance was asked to accomany the alternate, Rev. R. J. Jeeter, Earl, N. C. Rev. Nance lined hymn number 392, C. M., "Oh that I Knew the Secret Place where I Might Find my God," etc. Prayer was offered by Bro. A. L. Costner. The President introduced the speaker of he hour, Rev. R. J. Jeeter who arose, gave for a text Gen. 2: 17. "But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil thou shalt not eat of it," etc. From this text Rev. Jeeter preached a strong and forceful sermon. Rev. Nance led in singing "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross."

A. collection was raised by Bros. A. L. Costner and J. R. Hamilton amounting to $7.11.

The President appointed the following committees:

Enrollment—Bros. A. L. Costner, C. L. Roberts, and M. J. Berk.

Finance—Bros. D. H. Wood, B. Gingles, W. M. Finger.

Organization—Bros. W. M. Ramsaeur, A. Webber, J. D. Dogwood, F. Ross, S. T. Poston, W. T. Torrence, and W. A. Bell.

The President gave the delegation an opportunity to enroll. Amount collected on enrollment fees, $15.75. The Association being graced with the presence of Rev. A. L. Carr, B. S., of C. M. E. Connection of Shelby, and and Rev. W. H. Davidson, Bth., Charlotte, corresponding messenger from Mt. Peace Association and pastor of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church of Charlotte. These distin-

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guished brethren were introduced to the body by the President. These brethren being filled with words of enthusiasm and sagacity expressed to us their joy to be with us. Likewise Rev. J. H. McMoore, pastor of Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, R. 1, Bessemer City, and Rev. H. H. Sanders, pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Kings Mountain, with pleasure met the body. Time now arrived to adjourn for dinner.

Benediction by Rev. H. H. Sanders.

Thursday Afternoon

3:00 o'clock—The body reconvened. Bro. A. Brown conducted the praise service in which a ferver of the Holy Spirit was present. At the close of the praise service the President declared the house ready for business. A motion prevailed to hear the minutes of the morning session read, and by motion were adopted.

Report of committee on orgaiation: Rev. W. A. Roberts, President; Rev. P. C. Young, Vice-President; Bro. D. P. Oates, Recording Secretary; Bro. D. H. Wood, Corresponding Secretary; Bro. B. Gingles, Treasurer.

The President appointed Rev. W. H. Davidson to the chair.

A motion prevailed to adopt the report on organization. A motion that Dr. D. J. Avery install the officers carried. By motion Rev. H. H. Sanders escorted the officers to their position upon the floor. Dr. Avery with timely remarks, which were enjoyed by all, installed the officers, who, in turn expressed to the body their thanks in humble submission to the will of the body, and assured them that every exertion would be put forth to do the work assigned them. A motion prevailed to have the letters form the different churches brought forward and read. By motion Rev. J. A. Hunter, Rev. S. B. McBrayer, Rev. W. M. McIntyre, and Bro. E. E. Heart were appointed as reading committee. After the reading of the letters a motion prevailed to adopt them. The President appointed the following committees:

Temperance—Rev. R. D. Harris, B. P., Rev. J. B. Nance, Bro. T. W. Bostic, Bro. W. R. Jeffries, Rev. J. H. McMoore, Bro. A. Brown and Bro. J. S. Deal.

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and Bro. J. R. Hamilton.

Home and Foreign Missions—Dr. D. J. Avery, Bro. T. N. Carson and Bro. T. W. Bostic.

Ministerial Education—Rev. J. A. Hunter, Bro. G. W. Greer and Bro. L. V. Borders.

Sunday School—Rev. R. J Davidson, Bros. S. T. Poston and A. Brown.

Corresponding Messengers—Rev. W. M. McIntyre, Bro. F. Ross, Bro. W. Degree and Rev. J. B. Nance.

Obituary—Bros. E. E. Heart, W. Earls.

Collection was raised by Bros. W. M. Ramsaeur and F. Ross amounting to $2.05.

Time having arrived to adjourn. Benediction by Rev. P. C. Young.

Thursday Evening

8:30 o'clock The body reassembled. The song service was rendered by the choir of Shiloh Church; while Miss Verie Earls and Miss Claybrooks presided at the instruments. Prayer was offered by Rev. W. M. McIntyre. Time now arrived for the welcome program as arranged by the most honored pastor, Rev. P. F. Maloy, A. B., D. D., and principal of W. U. A., Rutherfordton.

Welcome on behalf of the religious denominations of of the city was given by Dr. J. W. Roberts of the C. M. E. Church. Welcome on behalf of the Young Men's Business Club of the city was given by Rev. J. A. Hunter, Bth. Welcome on behalf of Shiloh Baptist Church was given by the pastor. Welcome on behalf of the Woman's Home Mission Society was given by Mrs. Emma Walker. Welcome on behalf of Sunshine Band was given by Miss Lathie Mae Guiton.

Instrumental duet by Miss Verie Earl and Miss Claybrooks.

Welcome on behalf of City Public Schools was given by Dr. A. W. Foster, principal of graded schools.

Welcome on behalf of the citizens of Shelby was given by Attorney C. B. McBrayer, Food Administrator for Cleveland County.

Beautiful melodies were rendered by the choir at interval throughout the program. The welcome program arranged by the most worthy pastor was unique in every respect, every speaker mastered the situation, and had the applause of the congregation.

We were indeed glad to have the honor of the presence of the Honorable Mr. C. B. McBrayer, Food Administrator of the County to heartly welcome us to the town

of Shelby.

We were glad to have the compliments awarded us relative to the progress the race has made and is making. We were glad indeed to hear him say that the negro of America now clad in uniform and carrying the flag of the great United States in the European war have to their credit the noblest of all the deeds; and being the bravest of the brave to meet the foe and fight for democracy. Replying, that the hand of justice and right might prevail, not only in Europe, but in every land and in every nation and to every man to the utermost bounds of humanity, that the God giving peace that have no respect of person rule the hearts of men for the establishment of His Kingdom throughout the world.

Yes, we are rising from ignorance and superstition to the heights of sublimity.

We would be glad to have more of the distinguished white gentlemen visit our annual bodies and see some of the best of our race and learn more of us, and when we shall have been understood aright—you will find us as a race doing our best to reach the top. And because of the noble spirit and heart filled with excellent purpose as given him from God who from one blood made all nations to rule and subdue the earth is found in the true negro of America. We would say that when it comes to to battle for the Cause of the right, our brave sons will be there to meet the foe and to subdue them.

Time having arrived for the Doctrinal Sermon. The President introduced the speaker of the hour, Dr. D. J. Avery, pastor of Ebenezer and St. Paul Churches of this body who offered prayer and led in singing "Amazing Grace." Gave for a text I Thes. 5: 22, 23rd verses. "Abstain from all appearance of evil, And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly," etc. Subject: "Sanctification," I Thes. 4: 3-7; 5: 22-23. "Sanctification, wholliness, righteousness and such words are synonymous and mean in a ceremonial manner to set apart a thing or a person for a holy purpose. The sanctification of a person is a gradual growth of that holy disposition or like which was implanted in the Christian by regeneration it is a gradual increase of faith, hope and love. 2. A gradual decrease of pride, avarice, hatred, but in a word selfishness: in proportion as we have faith, hope and love and prayer we hate doubt, hatred and other mean traits. 3 The author of sanctification in a strict sense is God the Holy Spirit, I Cor. 2: 13-15; I John 2: 20-27. Christian

virtues come from the Holy Spirit, Gal. 5:22; Rom. 12: 3. Dr. Avery preached a wonderful sermon on sanctification using timely remarks that should remain with all who heard him keeping them from divergnig into paths of sin. After the choir led in singing "Oh Lord Send the Power Just Now," Dr. W H. Davidson and Dr. J. W. Roberts lifted a collection amounting to $11.98. Time having arrived the body stood adjourned. Benediction by Dr. D. J. Avery.

Friday Morning

9:10 o'clock. The body reconvened. Bros. J. D. Dogwood and W. M. Torrence conducted the praise service and at the close of this service the President declared the house ready for business. By motion the roll was called. By motion the minutes were read and adopted. By motion the order of the day was called for. Special topics: 1. "Our Duty in the Present War." First speaker, Rev. R. D. Harris, B. P., opened the discussion followed by Rev. R. J. Davidson, A. B., Rev. P. F. Maloy, A. B., D. D., Rev. S. B. McBrayer, L. I., and Rev. J. A. Hunter, A. B. These most worthy speakers sustained themselves as great orators and heroes in helping to execute the rules and regulations of the Food Administration of Cleveland County and State. 2nd Topic: "The Layman Movement." Discussed by Rev. R. D. Harris, B. P., and Dr. P. F. Maloy. These able divines brought to us things worthy of our consideration. We should rise to do more Christain work in our church and organize the Laymen movement.

The President appointed a committee on ministerial relief: Rev. J. A. Hunter, Rev. W. W. Price, and Rev. A. H. Hopper.

The President introduced Bro. J. L. Miller, President of the Gold Hill Sunday School Convention and messenger from the Gold Hill Association who came to us with Christain greetings. We were glad to have Bro. Miller visit our body. The letter from Mt. Prospect was read.

By motion the application from Mt. Zion Baptist Church relative to the ordination of the brother named in the letter was accepted. Time having arrived to adjourn the time was prolnged twenty minutes. By motion the legality of membership was discussed. Dr. P. F.

Maloy stated in his discussion that there were three ways in which a church has a right to receive members, viz: by letter, by Christian experience when the church where the member belonged had delapedated, and by professing faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

The President introduced Rev. O. J. Allen, A. B., of Statesville. We were indeed glad to have the enthusiastic word from Rev. Allen.

Time now arrive to adjourn. A collection was lifted by Rev. P. C. Young and Rev. R. M. Phillips amounting to $7.11. The body stood adjourned for dinner. Benediction by Rev. J. A. Hunter.

Friday Afternoon

2:00 o'clock. The body reassembled. Bro. A. L. Costner and Rev. G. Knox conducted the praise service. Scripture lesson read by Rev. Knox, Psalms 1. Prayer was offered by Bro. Costner. After a song led by Rev. Knox, the President declared the house ready for business. By motion the minutes of the morning session were read and adopted.

Rev. R. J. Davidson, A. B., made the

Report on Sunday Schools

We your Committee on Sunday School beg to make the following report:

Whereas, the Sunday School is one of the essential branches of the Church in furthering the cause of Jesus Christ and is recognized as a world-wide privilege by all Christians in training up the child in the way it should go;

Be it resolved, That each church and pastor spare no little pains in putting forth the greatest effort to have the best Sunday School in its vicinity. And each church see to it that they have the best superintendent, and teachers, that possibly can be had. And also, if possible, to have a Teacher-Training Class, graded school, graded lessons, separate departments, and organized classes. Also to use the best denominational literature. Then we shall see the fruits of it in our churches, conventions, and Association.

The Committee respectfully,

REV. R. J. DAVIDSON, A. B.,
BRO. S. T. POSTON,
BRO. A. BROWN,
REV. J. W. DOWDLE.

By motion was adopted.

Rev. J. A. Hunter, A. B., read the

Report on Ministerial Education

We your Committee on Ministerial Education beg leave to submit the following report. Whereas, many are called and few are chosen, we recommend that this Association do require that each minister applying for ordination in its bounds, that the candidate be a normal graduate or its equivalent and that we recommend our own Western Union Academy as a fit school for the preparing of our young men, because of the fact that no people will ever rise higher than the preacher, and if he is not the leader of the people to whom shall we look.

We further recommend that every aspirant for the ministry who shall attend school as much as four months in the year, that the Association pay one month's tuition for said aspirant.

Committee,
REV. JOHN A. HUNTER, A. B.,
Chairman,
BRO. L. V. BORDERS, *Secretary,*
REV. G. W. GRIER.

Upon motion to adopt the foregoing report, the report was discussed and objection raised to the clause that stated no minister should be ordained unless he possessed a Normal Diploma or its equivalent. Was modified by way of substitute offered by Rev. R. D. Harris, B. P., that the mater be left to the discretion of the ordaining council. Motion carried.

The President introduced Mrs. O. J. Allen and family of Statesville, and Mrs. Ader Gleen of Statesville, treasurer of the Woman's Auxillary of the Rowan Association. We were very much delighted to listen to the greetings from these sisters.

The hour having arrived for special topic: "The Educational Work of the Association," by the appointee, Rev. P. F. Maloy, A. B., D. D, principal of W. U A., Rutherfordton, who came forward and for forty minutes greatly informed us of the many things needed to maintain a successful school. Dr. Maloy is a great man and an educator and is worthy of our support.

Bro. S. T. Poston read the

Report of Committee on Time and Place.

We your Committee on Time and Place report next sitting of the Ebenezer Baptist Association to convene with High Springs Baptist Church, Gastonia, N. C., on

Thursday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1919. Introductory sermon by Rev. John A. Hunter, A. B.; alternate, Rev. G. Knox.

Committee,
B. GINGLES, *Chairman,*
S. T. POSTON, *Secretary.*

By motion the report was adopted.

Rev. R. D. Harris, B. P., made the

Report on Temperance.

We your Committee on Temperance beg to make the following report:

Whereas, we see intemperance is the habit that dethrones the reason and unfits man for any responsible position in life, be it the sense of our efforts to co-operate with all movements of the Temperance League in effort to destroy the rum, brews and other alcoholic habits. Second, we see this is one of the devil's work shops. Let us do all we can to discourage all things that tend to help and encourage the carrying on of such business. Since it is one of the devil's best agencies;

Be it resolved, That our churches go on record for temperance, out and out, because our boys and girls are to follow in our footsteps. Therefore, we ought to be the more careful as to the law of temperance as a moral regulation for church, business and society, even fatherhood or heads of families. Be it our motto to look into the perfect law or laws of temperance. Some think that tobacco, snuff and drink are the only things that break this law, but we quote from James, who tells us that "the man who bridleth not his tongue, his religion is vain." So we ask those who read this to think on pride, hatred, tattling and such other things that tend to destroy happiness, homes, church and society.

Respectfully submitted,
REV. R. D. HARRIS,
REV. J. B. NANCE,
BRO. T. W. BOSTON,
BRO. W. R. JEFFERIES,
REV. J. H. McMOORE,
BRO. A. BROWN,
BRO. J. S. DEAL.

By motion the report was adopted.

Rev. J. A. Hunter, A. B., made the

Report on Ministerial Relief.

We your Committee on Ministerial Relief beg leave

to submit the following report:

Whereas, there are within our bounds 1,760 members of the Ebenezer Baptist Association: *Be it enacted by the members of the said Association,* That each member within our bounds pay two cents the year 1919 and each year thereafter to be increased as circumstances demand, and the same to be applied to the fund known as the Superannuated Ministers' Fund; and that a central treasurer be elected, and that no money be paid out of said treasury before A. D. 1921. We recommend to this body as God hath said, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth." Therefore: *Be it further enacted,* That each pastor who shall become incapacitated on account of old age be pensioned, and said pension be one hundred dollars annually, and at his death the same to be applied to his widow as long as she remains single.

REV. JOHN A. HUNTER, A. B.,
Chairman,
BRO. J. L. MILLER, *Secretary.*
REV. A. H. HOPPER,
BRO. L. M. LINEBERGER,

Upon motion to adopt the foregoing report it was discussed pro and con. Motion carried.

Report on Ordaining Council.

The Ordinary Council of the Ebenezer Baptist Association met in council Friday, September 20th, at Shiloh Baptist Church, Shelby, N. C., and the following applicant was brought forward, Bro. Samuel R. Motz, with the following result: We recommend that the applicant peruse minutely the following books: Pendleton's Christian Doctrine, The Plain Man and His Theology, Hiscox Baptist Church Directory, the Bible, and if possible to place himself in some good school, and pray and work on.

REV. P. C. YOUNG, *Chairman,*
REV. D. J. AVERY, D. D.,
Catechiser,
JOHN A. HUNTER, *Secretary,*
REV. W. M. McINTYRE,
REV. R. J. DAVIDSON, A. B.,
REV. S. B. McBRAYER, L. L.,
REV. G. KNOX,
REV. W. A. ROBERTS,
Moderator.

By motion the foregoing report was adopted. Rev. W. M. McIntyre read the

Report on Corresponding Messengers.

We your Committee submit the following: We send to the different associations as messengers:

To the Lane's Creek Association: Rev. W. W. Price.
To Mt. Peace: Rev. G. Knox.
To Gold Hill: Dr. P. F. Maloy.
To Rowan: Rev. W. A. Roberts.
To Thickety Mt.:Rev. A. H. Hopper.

Your Committee,
REV. W. M. McINTYRE, *Chm'n,*
BRO. F. ROSS,
BRO. W. DEGREE,
REV. J. B. NANCE,
BRO. A. L. CONWELL.

By motion the foregoing report was adopted.

Time having arrived for adjournment. A collection was lifted by Dr. P. F. Maloy amounting to $1.80. Benediction by Dr. Maloy.

Friday Evening

8:00 o'clock. The body reassembled. Bros. D. H. Wood and C. L. Roberts conducted the praise service. Bro. Wood led in singing "Come Holy Spirit Heavenly Dove." Bro. Roberts read as a scripture lesson a part of the fifth chapter of Matthew. Bro. Wood offered prayer. Bro. W. M. Ramsaeur led in singing "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say," and offered prayer. Rev. H. H. Sanders led in singing a spiritual song, "I Don't Want to Die Without the Lord." The Shiloh choir rendered a beautiful selection, "Blessed Jesus." Owing to the press for time Thursday evening the President's annual message was deferred until Friday evening.

Time having arrived Rev. W. A. Roberts, the most worthy President of the Ebenezer Association arose and delivered to us his annual message, with ortorical power and skill which was a masterpiece. Rev. S. B. McBrayer submitted a motion that the President's message be turned over into the hands of the committee on resolution. Motion carried. Rev. W. M. McIntyre led in singing "Since Jesus came Into My Heart." Time now arrived for the educational sermon by the appointee, Rev. R. D. Harris, B. P., of Charlotte. Accompained with Rev. W. M. McIntyre who read as ascripture lesson Psalms 19. Prayer was offered by Rev. H. H. Sanders. "Oh Hallelujah Yes, 'Tis Heaven," was led by the Shiloh choir

$60.05; Saturday morning, $16.75; Saturday noon, $25.19; A. Johnson, $13.11; for Prof. Foster, $4.31; enrollment, $15.75; for Shiloh, $7.11; total, $172.32.

Grand total, $417.82.

Committee,

C. FINGER,
B. GINGLES,
D. H. WOOD.

By motion the foregoing report was adopted.

Bro. A. L. Costner read the

Report on Appropriation

We your Committee on Appropriation beg leave to submit the following report. Pay the following orders:

To President	$ 10.00
To Vice-President	4.00
To Recording Secretary	13.50
To Corresponding Secretary	2.50
To Treasurer	7.00
To Programs and Distribution	7.15
To Distribution Minutes	4.00
To Minutes	27.00
To Sexton	3.00
Paid out:	
To Union Advocate	7.00
To Winston Orphan Home	6.00
To Superannuated Ministers or Their Widows	9.84
To Education to Union Treasurer	250.00
To General Traveling Expenses to Exect. Bd.	6.06
To Shiloh Church	7.11
To Rev. A. Johnson	13.11
To Rev. A. W. Foster for Teacher T. School	4.31
Additional Cost of Minutes	15.50
Total received	$417.82
Total paid out	397.08
Balance on hand	$ 20.74

Committee,

F. ROSS,
W. A. BELL,
D. C. CORRY,
W. M. RAMSURE, *Chm'n*,
J. D. DOGWOOD,
DANIEL HEART,
REV. G. KNOX,
A. L. COSTNER, *Secretary*.

Upon motion to adopt, the foregoing report was caught on its passage and amended by substiuting an additional amount sufficient to pay for the programs. Motion prevailed that we donate $4.31 to Dr. A. W. Foster for Teachers' Training School. Said amount was collected from the congregation.

Bro. E. E. Heart read the

Report on Obituary

We your Committee on Obituary beg leave to submit the following report: Deaths occurred as follows:

Shiloh—Two, Bro. R. Hambrick and Sister Lula Whisnant.

Ellis Chapel—One, Bro. Augustus Degree.

Pine Grove—Four.

St. Paul—Three.

Mt. Pisgah—One.

Ebenezer—One.

St. James—One, Sister Mary Rhodes.

Fairview—One, Sister Lizzie Webber.

Long Branch—Two.

Shoal Creek—Two.

St. Peter—Two.

Washington—Two, Bro. James Rivers and his daughter, Mary.

We recommend that we hold a few minutes sacred in honor of our deceased.

Committee,
W. EARLS,
E. E. HEART,
REV. J. L. JOHNSON.

Upon motion to adopt, the foregoing report was caught upon its passage, and by motion all business suspended three minutes in honor of the deceased. "Nearer My God to Thee" was led by Dr. Maloy and sung by the Association.

The Report on Obituary was adopted.

Rev. S. B. McBrayer, L. I., read the

Report on Statistics

See report on last page.

By motion the foregoing report was adopted.

Report on Resolutions

We your Committee on Resolution beg leave to submit the following recommendations:

1. That the pastor of each church see that the Lay-

man Movement is organized in their respective churches.

2. That each church will have a special rally some time during the year, and report the same at the next sitting of the Association for educational work.

3. That a penny collection be lifted each regular meeting day for Home and Foreign Missions.

4. That the President's annual message be placed in the minutes.

Committee,

D. H. WOOD,
J. R. HAMILTON,
H. H. SANDERS.

By motion the foregoing report was adopted.

A motion prevailed that the President be messenger to the State Convention. The President introduced Mrs. J. W. Roberts, of Shelby, N. C., who had just returned home from a visit to Nashville, Tenn., filled with enthusiasm, brought to us greeting.

A special collection was lifted for Shiloh Church amounting to $7.11. A motion prevailed that a vote of thanks be tendered the good pastor, members and friends of Shiloh Church. By motion Bro. D. H. Wood of Pine Grove Church returned the vote of thanks. Bro. Wood arose and with unaffected pleasure on behalf of the Association, spoke of the creditable manner the good pastor, members and friends of Shiloh Church had entertained the Association. Shiloh is an index for two reasons. First, because of its magnificent building and for the amount of money raised during the sitting of the Association. Greater interest is being manifested in the educational work, and we are trusting in Him who ruleth both Heaven and earth that more interest be taken and that instead of raising four or five hundred dollars, raise one thousand. Let us not be satisfied until we raise one thousand dollars during its next sitting. Let every delegate and minister bring five dollars ($5.00) instead of one dollar ($1.00) and we can raise one thousand dollars.

By motion submitted by Dr. P. F. Maloy, the body stood adjourned to meet in its next session with High Springs Baptist Church, Gastonia, N. C., on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1919.

Thus closed a very great session of this Association. By a special invocation offered by the President, Rev. W. A. Roberts, the body stood adjourned to meet in its next session with the High Springs Baptist Church, Gas-

tonia, N. C., on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1919.

Watch-word: "Let us be dutiful unto prayer. Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." II Timothy 2:15.

CONSTITUTION

D. H. Woods, P. F. Maloy, W. W. Price and W. Earl were appointed as a Committee to revise the Constitution.

We, the Missionary Baptists of Western North Carolina and Northern South Carolina, being convinced of the necessity of a combination of the churches in order to promote the cause of Christ and to maintain and keep the rules of the Association, we therefore agree to the following rules:

ARTICLE I.

Section 1. This body shall be called the Ebenezer Baptist Association.

ARTICLE II.

Section 1. The membership of this Association shall consist of delegates elected by the churches, and their pastors, and the delegates must have their membership in the bounds of the Association.

Section 2. No church shall send more than three delegates.

Section 3. All ordained ministers who are not too old, except the founders, who failed to attend the Association, their names shall not be put on the roll. Licentiate preachers subject to the same rule.

ARTICLE III.

Section 1. The officers of this Association shall be

President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and Executive Board.

Section 2. All officers must have their membership in the bounds of this Association.

Section 3. The Executive Board shall act, when necessity calls, in the absence of the Association and report the same to it.

Section 4. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and sign all orders drawn upon the Treasurer. The Vice-President may assume the same duties in the absence of the President.

Section 5. The Recording Secretary shall keep an accurate account of all the proceedings, prepare minutes for the press and send same to various organizations.

Section 6. The Corresponding Secretary shall do all the correspondence with other organizations.

Section 7. The Treasurer shall give complete security for all monies entrusted in his care.

ARTICLE IV.

Section 1. Every Baptist church should support Missions, Education, Church Extension, etc. Therefore this Association shall require such of them.

Section 2. If any church that belongs to this Association fails to keep the rules of the Association it shall withdraw the hand of fellowship from said church.

Section 3. The Association shall have no right to infringe upon the sovereignty of the church rights as a body.

Section 4. This Association will hold no church as a member who licenses a brother to preach who can not read, spell and write reasonably well, and has a fair knowledge of the Bible and English language.

Section 5. Any church becoming disorderly, the Executive Board shall investigate and if possible settle the matter or report the church to the Association. No

complaint shall be heard from a church in the Association except through a committee.

ARTICLE V.

Section 1. Whereas, the divorce law is greatly abused, and that God commands that husband shall have but one wife, and wife but one husband. Therefore: *Be it resolved,* That this Association recognize no church which holds a husband with more than one wife and a wife with more than one husband, in its fellowship.

ARTICLE VI

Section 1. Every church shall pay annually to the Association $1.00. Those numbering over 50 members $1.50. Those over 100 members $2.00. Those numbering over 150, $2.50. Those having 200 members $4.00, and so on.

Section 2. Each member of the church belonging to this Association shall pay 10 cents annually and each minister 25 cents for educational purposes.

Section 3. All money collected during the Association, Sunday included, shall be used for Associational purposes, unless otherwise ordered by the Association; and no money shall be paid out until the close of the same.

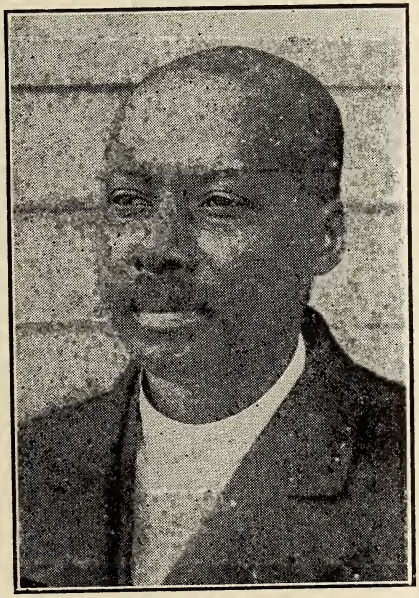
Section 4. One-tenth of all money collected, except for education during the Association, shall be given superannuated Ministers who are not in charge of a church; and at death to their widows.

ARTICLE VII

Section 1. This Association shall meet Thursday before the fourth Sunday in September and adjourn the following Saturday of each year.

ARTICLE VIII.

Section 1. This Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular meeting.



REV. PROF. W. A. ROBERTS
Shelby, N. C., R. F. D. 1
President of the Ebenezer Baptist Association

Shelby, N. C., September, 1918.

ANNUAL ADDRESS OF REV. W. A. ROBERTS
To the Ebenezer Baptist Association in Session with the Shiloh Baptist Church of Shelby, N. C., September 19, 1918

Mr. President, Delegates, Brother Ministers and Friends of the Ebenezer Baptist Association:

It is with explicit pleasure and profound gratitude that I come before you in this the 29th annual session to bring to you my message.

In the providence of God we are here, our hearts are full of gratitude and thanks to Him for the blessings of the past.

Introduction

Ethiopia shall stretch forth her hand unto God, and princes shall come out of Egypt has long been verified.

Standing as we are out in the open field of the providence of God, with his hand outstretched and pouring His divine blessing down upon us in copious showers. We are indebted to be thankful.

I am thankful that while satan has stood on the banks of oblivion and as a great general called up his fiends and marshaled his mighty forces against the Church and humanity, that we as Christians have a great General leading the Church who has ever been victorious and is leading as a conquering King the Church militant in this the unparalleled age of all history.

Our crisis of today as a race and denomination, the world crisis of today is the outgrowth of illiteracy, superstition and sin.

Truly it has been said we are of the lineage and descendant ofHam. Truly it has been said that as a race we have undergone the oppression of slavery, and have suffered and endured almost untold barbarities, we have been disfranchised, Jim Crowed, lynched and denied, but scan the history, if you please, an we as a race have been blessed to have coursing in our veins the blood that makes brave men and great heroes, on every battlefield that the negro has been permitted to plant his foot, and lift his hand as a soldier from the time Jesus was struggling up the Mount of Crucifixion, with the cross on his shoulders. When Simon helped my Lord and your Savior to carry his cross, until today, our brothers and our sons are in the camps in the navy, in trenches and some on bended knees before God.

Religious Progress

That the negro has treaded well with the talent delivered him we have but to review a little of his progress in America since his emancipation. He has increased in population over one hundred and twenty-five per cent. Out of a population of over ten million, there are more than thirty thousand ministers. He has a church population of nearly six million, with over two million dollars

worth of church property.

From the bush arbor and the log cabin he now has church edifices ranging in value from three hundred dollars to two hundred thousand dollars. He has theologians from leading seminaries and thousands of laymen filling the various professions of life.

He owns more than half of a million homes, operates more than a million farms, conducting more than forty businesses, and has accumulated more than a billion dollars in wealth. He has at least 70 per cent of his race literate.

We own more than five hundred colleges and normal schools, among which our W. U. A. is a unit. We have about two million students in public schools taught by more than thirty thousand teachers.

We have raised for our own education more than two million dollars. We have more than forty thousand churches, with over forty thousand Sunday schools, carrying an enrollment of more than a quarter of a million pupils.

Baptist Progress

It is a matter of facts and of pride that we Negro Baptists alone have about three million communicants, over twenty-six thousand Sunday schools, over two thousand associations, and nineteen thousand preachers, and one million and a half of Sunday schools, and a church property valuation of about one million dollars. We have more than one hundred missionaries in foreign fields.

We have raised more than a quarter of a million dollars for Foreign Missions. As early as 1790 one dozen missionaries sailed from New York to Africa.

Since 1895 the Negro Baptists have established a publishing plant at Nashville, Tenn., now valued at more than three hundred thousand dollars.

Democracy

Realizing that the hope of democracy is education, I rejoice that we have put great emphasis on the enlightening of the masses, for one of the essentials of greatness of a nation depends upon the average mental power of that nation. Citizens and mental power depends absolutely upon education.

In view of the righteousness of the cause for which democracy pleads, at no time in the history of our government has the negro responded to the call of any President in number and spirit as he has done under the administration of President Wilson.

There are over 32,000 Negro soldiers in arms in the trenches in France. It might be said with equal emphasis that at no time in the history of our government have so many negroes been commissioned to office in the United States Army.

One of our race, Mr. Emmett J. Scott has been honored with the position of assistant to Secretary Baker in matters apperataining to the race in connection with the war.

We believe in the principles of democracy, our denomination stands for them. We believe in the reign of justice, peace, equality of opportunity, the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man.

A few years ago our great American Republic was engaged in commerce. She was sailing her ships upon many seas, when Germany who for forty years had given her attention to war—a country or kingdom whose King or Emperor has made it the height of his ambition and pride to teach or indoctrinate into the minds of his subjects that they belonged to him body and soul. A country which has grown so low as to be the cause of crimes beneath the conduct of humanity. A country who has a King today upon the throne who has set at naught two of the great commandments of the Bible. Thou shalt have no other God before Me; and the second, Love thy neighbor as thyself. A nation that has grown haughty and proud.

When the American ship, the Lusitania, 900 feet in length, and costing the Government $3,000,000, was carrying over the sea its passengers of women, children and men, was sent to the bottom of the ocean by a German torpedo which was only 14 feet in length and cost $1,400 dollars. This act said to America, men nor nations have no rights that Germany need to respect.

It is a fact that God has never helped a nation or race or an individual until they become dissatisfied with their condition. Moreover, he has never given to a race

or a nation the improvement which they are so anxious for until those people produce a man or set of men that He could use in their uplift.

When Israel in Egypt became dissatisfied with their condition they had to produce a Moses whom God educated in the school of experience for the matchless task.

Allow me to mention Martin Luther whose sun in the Reformation skies will never set as long as time lists.

Look if you please at our immortal Abraham Lincoln, filled with patriotism and love for mankind, with a trembling hand, though firm as the Strait of Gibraltar, signed the American proclamation which set at liberty four million slaves.

Our attention is called to the man of the highest distinction and highest honors of any man in the world. and that man is President Wilson, who stands up in the stirrup of manhood and riding the horse of authority guided by the reins of intelligence and dictates the policy to a peace loving world.

Dear Brethren, as Afro-Americans, our pass was a blessing in disguise. The providence of God has interwoven our interest with that of the proud, domnieering Anglo-Saxon with all his centuries of culture and development. So that whatever affects one affects the other, one cannot go up or down without the other.

We have the distinction of having tunneled the mountains. We have been the prime factors in making this the greatest country on the globe.

Though many of our fathers and mothers who lie sleeping in the silent tomb have a slab to mark their last resting place, and others of us have not even a chicken rooster to crow for the break of day. Yet our record will show that we never held an indignant meeting nor played the traitor at any time.

But we have always been true to our friends and we assure the powers that be, that with the war cloud hanging dreadfully dark over this Christian land, and in the midst of the greatest crisis of the world, we can be depended upon to play our part, and co-operate with the plans of the Government to win the war.

The French, the British, the United States and the Allies are struggling to dethrone a government of Autoc-

racy and to win ;our great chieftain has called for five million armed men.

Autocracy is next door neighbor to slavery, and slavery is degenerating.

If the Christian Church will win in the great conflict to dethrone illiteracy and enthrone knowledge, put down superstition and raise a standard for truth and righteousness.

If the Ebenezer Association would do her part in dethroning sin and iniquity, the laity and the officers and the ministers must all do their part.

To meet the demands of the day Uncle Sam has camps all over this country, where men are trained to make them more efficient to fight and hold up the colors and stripes of this matchless Government.

If we as Baptists would hold up the doctrine of the Bible in this age of the world we must have prepared men and women.

We look with pride toward the west to a most desirable location for a school in the healthy climate of the mountains in the town of Rutherfordton.

A location upon which has been erected buildings suitable for the training of young men and women, and in answer to prayer this school is under the auspices of a man that the denomination is proud of.

Our fathers and the brotherhood that compose the Ebenezer Association have done well. We recall with honor some of the fathers who were the founders of this organization two years ago, Rev. Ellis and Rev. S. Fox, of Washington Church, Rev. S. Hunter and Rev. P. Wilson of Shiloh Church. These venerable and God-fearing men were always found at their post. These fathers and leaders brought us to where we are, and if we would move up to accomplish the work to be done we must be more united, and make a greater sacrifice.

This is a day of consecration to duty and to the service of Almighty God. We, as members of this grand body, are here to unify our work, to unite our efforts to make it over the top.

To build up our race, to make our denomination stronger, to lift up Jesus Christ in our walks, in our speeches, in our songs, in our sermons, and in our prayers.

We are silently, though firm as Gibraltar, contend-